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"There will be a statue ... on top of a football, in the middle of which will be a see-through window with the golden urn containing Paul's ashes."

— TANJA MUNZIG, OF OBERHAUSEN, GERMANY'S SEA LIFE CENTER, WHERE PAUL THE OCTOPUS WILL BE MEMORIALIZED.

Inmates Turn to Falconry When Pigeon Disappoints

Colombian police captured a drug-smuggling carrier pigeon trying to enter a jail. A package containing 40 grams of marijuana and 5 grams of a cocaine paste was strapped to the bird, which couldn't make it over the prison's wall due to the weight. Police found it a block away from its destination. The bird will not be charged, and is in the care of police. (EXPRESS)



A RUSSIAN MAN dives into icy water in St. Petersburg, Russia, on Wednesday. Thousands of Russian Orthodox Church followers plunged into rivers and ponds across the country to mark Epiphany, cleansing themselves with water deemed holy for the day. (AP)



Nation

House OKs Repeal of Health Care Legislation

Washington

The House on Wednesday evening passed a bill that would repeal the national health care overhaul, approving the measure on a largely party-line vote.

The repeal bill passed 245-189, with three Democrats — Reps. Mike Ross, Ark.; Dan Boren, Ind.; and Mike McIntyre, N.C. — joining Republicans in backing the measure. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., who remains in serious condition after the Jan. 8 shootings in Tucson, was the only lawmaker not voting.

The bill's passage came after Democrats unsuccessfully staged an eleventh-hour vote in an effort to derail the GOP-sponsored measure.

While the repeal passed the House, ultimately, it is expected to fail. To actually repeal the law, Republicans would need the approval of the Democrat-controlled Senate and President Obama, unless they have enough votes to override his veto. They are not likely to get that approval. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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A Call for Cooperation, Respect

Obama urges China to strengthen rights, economic efforts

Washington

President Obama, hosting Chinese President Hu Jintao on a state visit, said Wednesday that the United States welcomes the "peaceful rise" of China and urged the one-party state to improve its human rights record as the two leaders sought to stabilize ties between the two powers after a rocky year.

While both leaders exchanged warm words at Obama's welcoming ceremony, from the outset their different visions were clear. Obama used his remarks to remind Hu of the importance of human rights.

"Societies are more harmonious, nations are more successful, and the world is more just when the rights and responsibilities of all nations and all people are upheld, including the universal rights of every human being," Obama said.

And Hu gave no quarter, instructing Obama through an intepreter that "our cooperation as partners should be based on mutual respect."

Obama continued to press Hu on human rights, calling for China to undertake sincere nego-



 $President\,Obama\,and\,Chinese\,President\,Hu\,Jintao\,meet\,Wednesday\,in\,Washington\,.$

Meanwhile...

China's general policy is to roll out big economic deals at summits as a way to garner goodwill, and Wednesday was no exception. The Obama administration announced that China has agreed to \$45 billion in trade and investment contracts with U.S. companies, which will support about 235,000 U.S. jobs, and has made a series of other trade-related concessions. The agreements include the purchase of 200 Boeing aircraft for an estimated \$19 billion, and a range of manufacturing, agriculture and technology contracts. "As we look to the future, what's needed, I believe, is a spirit of cooperation that is also friendly competition," President Obama said at a news conference Wednesday. (TWP)

"I absolutely believe that China's peaceful rise is good for the world, and it's good for America."

— PRESIDENT OBAMA, SPEAKING
WEDNESDAY AT A JOINT NEWS CONFERENCE WITH CHINESE LEADER HU JINTAO.

tiations with the Dalai Lama, the exiled leader of the Tibetan people. He also persisted in pushing Hu to commit to allowing the value of its currency to rise against the dollar.

Hu, for his part, insisted that "China is always committed to the protection and promotion of human rights." However, he did acknowledge that "a lot still needs to be done in China in terms of human rights."

After a formal state dinner Wednesday night, Hu will meet congressional and business leaders in Washington on Thursday before heading to Chicago for a day.

Analysts say Hu is eager to burnish his legacy as a competent steward of China's ties with the U.S.

The summit with Obama will probably be Hu's last as China's president; he is set to retire in 2012 and be replaced by the vice president, Xi Jinping. (THE WASHINGTON POST)







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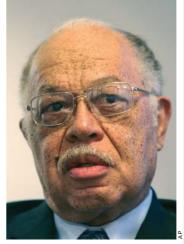
faces murder charges for deaths at clinic

Philadelphia

A doctor who gave abortions to minorities, immigrants and poor women in a "house of horrors" clinic was charged with eight counts of murder in the deaths of a patient and seven babies who were born alive and then killed with scissors. prosecutors said Wednesday.

Dr. Kermit Gosnell, 69, made millions of dollars over 30 years, performing as many illegal, lateterm abortions as he could, prosecutors said.

State regulators ignored complaints about him and failed to inspect his clinic since 1993, but no charges were warranted against them given time limits and existing law, District Attorney Seth Williams said.



Dr. Kermit Gosnell, 69, has been named in at least 46 malpractice lawsuits.

Nine of Gosnell's employees also were charged.

Early last year, officials investigating drug-related complaints at the clinic stumbled on what Williams called a "house of horrors."

Bags and bottles holding aborted fetuses "were scattered throughout the building," Williams said.

The clinic was shut down, and Gosnell's medical license was suspended after the raid.

Few if any of the women knew their babies were born alive and then killed, prosecutors said. Many were first-time mothers who were told they were 24 weeks pregnant, even if they were further along, authorities said.

Abortions are legal up to 24 weeks gestation in Pennsylvania, prosecutors said.

Gosnell got his medical degree from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia and is board-certified in family practice. He did not finish a residency in obstetricsgynecology, authorities said.

"He does not know how to do an abortion. He's not board-certified," Assistant District Attorney Joanne Pescatore said. "Once he got them there, he saw dollar signs and did abortions that other people wouldn't do." (AP)



In Brief

WICHITA, KAN.

Sergeant Found Guilty of **Exposing HIV to Others**

An Air Force sergeant was convicted Wednesday of exposing multiple partners to HIV at swinger parties. A court martial judge found Tech. Sgt. David Gutierrez quilty Wednesday of aggravated assault and violating his commander's order to notify partners about his HIV status and use condoms. (AP)

TUCSON, ARIZ.

Giffords to Start Rehab In Houston, Family Says

The family of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords

said in a statement released Wednesday that they plan to move the congresswoman, likely Friday, to a rehabilitation hospital in Houston to begin the next phase of her recovery from a bullet through her brain. (AP)

MONTGOMERY, ALA.

Gov. Sorry for Remarks

Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley apologized Wednesday for his inauguration day remarks about only Christians being his brothers and sisters, saying he would work over the next four years for people of all faiths. He said spoke as an evangelical Christian to fellow Baptists. (AP)

Science



RESEARCHERS SAY a 9,400year-old bone fragment from what they are calling the earliest confirmed domesticated dog in the Americas proves man's best friend also became at least an occasional meal. Because it was found inside human excrement, the fragment provides the earliest evidence that humans ate dogs, researchers said. (AP)

The increase in suicides in 2010 from 2009 in National Guard and Reserve units, officials said Wednesday. There were 145 suicides reported last year, up from 80 deaths in 2009, a puzzling increase in light of the military's ongoing suicide prevention efforts. Many of those efforts have been focused on the Army's active-duty force, which did see a small drop in suicides, from 162 in 2009 to 156 last year. (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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World

Tunisia Leader Vows 'Revolution'

New administration tries to distance itself from old government

Tunis, Tunisia

Tunisia's new government said Wednesday it has freed all the country's political prisoners and also moved to track down assets stashed overseas by its deposed president and his widely disliked family.

Tensions on the streets appeared to be calming as the administration tried to show it was distancing itself from the old guard.

Hundreds of protesters led a rally in central Tunis demanding that former allies of deposed President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali stop clinging to power.

Interim President Fouad Mebazaa went on television and promised to live up to the people's revolt,



A protester reacts during a demonstration Wednesday in Tunis, Tunisia. The U.N. said more than 100 have died in the unrest over Zine El Abidine Ben Ali's ouster.

which he called a "revolution."

"Regarding security, you have certainly noticed that it has improved," he said. "We have discovered the leaders of the chaos and have stopped the gangs. The situation is moving toward stability."

Some were doubtful of promises of change.

Hafed al Maki, 50, who works

New-Era Promise

About 33 members of President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali's family have been taken into custody while trying to leave the country, as was the Senate president, national TV said. Ben Ali's prime minister, Mohamed Ghannouchi, kept his post and is trying to convince Tunisians a new era has arrived — even if the composition of the interim government has many faces from the old guard. (AP)

at the country's largest insurance company, said he would not wait for the 60-day constitutional limit for new presidential elections to pass "because that is enough time for the old cronies to set their roots in and start their old ways again, thieving and taking our resources. No way that's happening again." HADEEL AL-SHALCHI (AP)

In Brief

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Karzai Delays Opening Of Parliament by 1 Month

Afghan President Hamid Karzai delayed parliament's opening session by one month Wednesday so that a controversial tribunal he has backed can continue its investigation into election fraud.

SAO PAULO

Officials Put Sao Paulo On Alert for Heavy Rains

Brazilian officials have put Sao Paulo on alert as heavy rains hit the metropolis. In Rio state, meanwhile, deaths from last week's mudslides have risen to 727. As rain fell on Sao Paulo, water rose above car windows at some points. (AP)

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI

Lawyer Says 'Baby Doc' Plans to Remain in Haiti

Haitian authorities want Jean-Claude Duvalier to leave the country, but the once-feared dictator will not go, one of his lawyers said Wednesday. Defense attorney Reynold Georges told reporters that it is Duvalier's right to remain in Haiti, but that he is free to go. (AP)



Queen Mum: A new British law that took effect Wednesday makes Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Charles and Prince William exempt from freedom of information laws, meaning many private details of their lives won't be made public for decades. Justice Secretary Ken Clarke says the exemption will protect the monarch's private conversations with politicians and officials — but information advocates say it will make it even harder to hold the royal family accountable. (AP)

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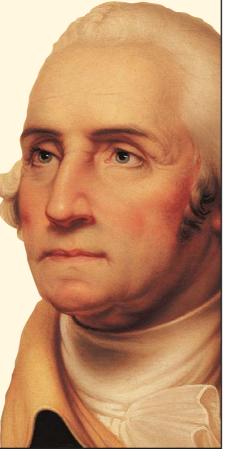
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World

Vatican Clarifies Sex Abuse Letter

Church: '97 message sent to Irish bishops was 'misunderstood'

Vatican

The Vatican launched a new round of damage control Wednesday over priestly sex abuse, insisting that a 1997 letter warning Irish bishops against reporting abuse to police had been "misunderstood."

The Associated Press on Tuesday published the contents of the letter, in which the Vatican's top diplomat in Ireland told bishops that their policy of mandatory police reporting "gives rise to serious reservations of both a moral and canonical nature."

The letter, obtained originally by Irish broadcaster RTE from an Irish bishop, has undermined persistent Vatican claims, particularly when seeking to defend itself in U.S. lawsuits, that Rome never told bishops not to cooperate with police.

An Irish government-ordered

'Smoking Gun'

Victims groups say the letter is a "smoking gun" that shows the church enforced a worldwide culture of concealing crimes by pedophile priests. "The letter confirms that the cover-up goes as far as the Vatican, that Vatican officials knew exactly what was going on, and that they proactively sought to deter Irish bishops from cooperating with civil authorities in Ireland," said Andrew Madden, a former Dublin altar boy who was raped repeatedly by a priest, Ivan Payne, in the 1980s. (AP)

investigation into decades of abuse cover-ups in the Dublin Archdiocese concluded that Irish bishops understood the letter to mean they shouldn't report suspected crimes.

On Wednesday, the Vatican insisted that its 1997 letter was only intended to emphasize that Irish bishops must follow church law meticulously. NICOLE WINFIELD (AP)

Suicide Attacks Shatter Calm in Iraq



AN IRAQI POLICEMAN STANDS IN RUBBLE Wednesday where a suicide attacker driving an explosives-packed ambulance crashed through Iraqi guard force headquarters in Baquba, Iraq, on Tuesday. That attack, combined with a suicide bombing the day before that killed scores, shattered a relative calm.

Cover Story

Traffic Leaves Us Snarling

A new poll finds local drivers are among America's most rage-prone

Washington

The rush-hour commute stinks, but you know that. There are too many cars on the road, but that's obvious. What you don't know is that you're twice as likely to encounter someone caught up in a bout of road rage and that nobody in the nation spends more time stuck in traffic than you do.

The number of drivers in the Washington region who say they frequently feel uncontrollable anger toward another driver has doubled in the past five years, according to a Washington Post poll taken last year. Almost a third of drivers say they're overcome with that wild rage from time to time.

One reason for that boiling frustration is contained in a report released Thursday, which found that Washington ranks first in the nation when it comes to hours wasted stuck in traffic.

The most sophisticated number crunching ever done on traffic congestion says the average local driver loses almost three full days per year.

The news came in the annual national traffic survey done by the Texas Transportation Institute, a highly regarded research group based at Texas A&M University.

The nexus of road congestion and road rage may prove tenuous, but the fact that frustration can lead to anger is not. Very often, according to an earlier study by the American Automobile Association's Foundation for Traffic Safety, the traffic incident that turns violent is "the straw that broke the camel's back" for someone living a stress-filled life.

Overall, the TTI survey concluded that congestion cost Amer-



Pedestrian Pitfalls

five years ago.

Pedestrian fatalities account for 12 percent of all roadway deaths, a total of 4,092 in 2009, the most recent figures available, according to a report issued Thursday by the Governors Highway Safety Association. That same year, overall traffic deaths dropped to their lowest level in 60 years. The report found that the number of kids fatally hit by cars fell 58 percent in the past decade, a decline attributed in part to children choosing computer games over playing outdoors. And, 42 percent of fatally injured pedestrians over a 10-year period were under the influence of alcohol. (TWP)

"MAYBE WE SHOULD BE HAPPY to be moving up the list because it means we're going a little bit better than a lot of other places when it comes to job growth and the economy."

-RON KIRBY, TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DIRECTOR FOR THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, WHO SEES A SILVER LINING IN THE REPORT.

icans \$115 billion in 2009, up from \$24 billion in 1982 when calculated in 2009 dollars. Engines idling in traffic gobbled up 3.9 billion gallons of gasoline. Nationally, congestion cost the average commuter \$808, up from an inflation adjusted \$351 in 1982. And the average time lost to congestion nationwide was 34 hours, up from 14 hours in 1982.

The depth of the data used in this year's study far surpassed the quality of information used in past years, giving the results an unprecedented degree of accuracy.

Past surveys used traffic volume data provided by the states to calculate the relative degree of congestion in major urban areas. The same information was collected for this report, but a vast volume of data compiled by a private firm also were figured into the mix.

The company, known as INRIX, places data-gathering devices on 3 million trucks, taxis, fleet vehicles and delivery vans. It also offers an iPhone application that provides users with real-time travel information in return for anonymous tracking of the users travel. INRIX provides 24-hour, seven-days-a-week picture of traffic patterns, not just the peak hour information previously available.

Pete Ruane, president of the American Road & Transportation Builders Association, said the report underscored the need for Congress to move ahead on the six-year transportation funding reauthorization bill that has been stalled for more than a year.

"The failure of elected leaders at all levels of government to adequately invest in transportation improvements is taking an alarming toll on American families and businesses," Ruane said. "If members of Congress had to sit in mindnumbing congestion every day like their constituents, they might have a greater sense of urgency in passing the 15-month overdue transportation bill." ASHLEY HALSEY III (THE WASHINGTON POST)

DC Rider



Metro Irons Out GM Deal

Board members decline to reveal their top choices for transit authority head

Metro officials are negotiating a contract with their top choice to become the new permanent general manager and hope to announce the appointment at the transit authority's Jan. 27 meeting, according to board members.

The members declined to name the three candidates interviewed at an all-day session on Saturday, after which the board arrived at a consensus on the front-runner. The news was first reported by the Washington Examiner. One of the three candidates is known to be current Interim General Manager Richard Sarles.

Foggy Bottom Relief

Metro is about to begin a yearlong project that should ease the notorious bottleneck at the Foggy Bottom Station. Next Monday, workers will start replacing the three old, often-out-of-service escalators with three new ones. (TWP)

"I came as interim. The way I've acted is I'll be here forever," Sarles said in a recent interview with The Post.

"That's the way I managed. I did not want to just sit here and be a caretaker. ... Hopefully, nobody feels that I've done that."

Sarles has been the interim general manager since the departure of John B. Catoe Jr. in April 2010.

"All three people interviewed did a good job," said Jeff McKay, a board member from Fairfax. McKay said deliberations on the candidates lasted until late on Saturday. He said it would be inappropriate to name the candidates because the final outcome remains uncertain. If negotiations with the front-runner fall through, the board may turn to the second or third choice for the job.

Metro Board Chairman Peter Benjamin is leading the contract negotiations with assistance from Metro's staff, McKay said.

"The process is still under way; if we can make an announcement next Thursday, hopefully, that will be the case," said William D. Euille, a board member from Alexandria. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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A 'Profound' Period Ahead in Md.

Gov. O'Malley pledges economic change at second inauguration

Annapolis, Md.

Maryland must focus on the jobcreating potential of the state's economy with innovations in life sciences, biotechnology, aerospace and cyber security to move ahead during "a period of profound economic change," Gov. Martin O'Malley, a Democrat, said Wednesday in his second inaugural address.

O'Malley, who will submit his budget proposal addressing a \$1.6 billion shortfall on Friday, focused on economic matters during an 11-minute speech outside the Maryland Statehouse.



The Maryland Court of Appeals' Chief Judge Robert M. Bell swears in Martin O'Malley.

"As we look ahead, we know that these next four years will not be easy."

- MARYLAND GOV. MARTIN O'MALLEY, AFTER BEING SWORN IN WEDNESDAY.

"We have a long way to go," O'Malley said.

The governor acknowledged the economic difficulties of his first term, when the national recession dragged down state revenues, but he also emphasized that Maryland still managed to make record investments in K-12 education and hold a tuition freeze for four years at public colleges and universities.

O'Malley, taking note of the state's current fiscal circumstances, has scaled back inaugural festivities this year.

A parade in Annapolis was canceled. Evening festivities at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore will be less formal than four years ago. People who attend have been encouraged to bring a canned food item. Donations will go to the Maryland Food Bank. (AP)

WTOP Sold Off to Minn. Broadcaster

Washington

WTOP, the all-news station that is the most popular and profitable in the Washington area, will be sold to a small Minnesota broadcaster as part of a 17-station, \$505 million deal announced Wednesday by the station's owner, Bonneville International.

WTOP (103.5 FM) and its sister station, WFED (1500 AM), which broadcasts news about government workers and federal contracting, will be sold to Hubbard Broadcasting of St. Paul, a venerable familyrun company that owns seven full-service TV stations and three radio outlets across the country.

Hubbard plans to keep WTOP's traffic, weather and news format, which has finished atop local radio rankings for years.

The acquisition of Bonneville's 17 stations — in Washington, St. Louis, Chicago and Cincinnati - will more than quadruple Hubbard's size. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Local

In Brief



Tian Tian, left, and Mei Xiang, right, shown in 2004, will stay longer in D.C.

WASHINGTON

Zoo's Giant Pandas Will Stay for 5 More Years

The National Zoo has reached an agreement with China to extend for five years the stay of Washington's beloved black and white bears at a dramatically reduced cost. For the last six weeks the two giant pandas — Tian Tian, a male, and Mei Xiang, a female — have been on a temporary lease extension while Chinese and American officials fine-tuned a new deal. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

WASHINGTON

D.C. Bill Would Require Restaurant Letter Grades

Restaurants in Washington would be required to post letter grades from a health inspection under a bill proposed by a member of the D.C. Council. Restaurants in Washington would be inspected and graded either A, B, C or F by the Department of Health under Council member Mary Cheh's bill. The restaurant would then have to display its letter grade. If the bill passes, Washington would join cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco and St. Louis that require restaurants to display a health card. (AP)

WASHINGTON

D.C. Jail to Fingerprint All Facility Visitors

Starting in March, all visitors to the D.C. jail will have their fingerprints scanned and checked against law enforcement databases for outstanding warrants, the Washington Examiner reports. If a match is made, Department of Corrections will detain the visitor and contact the police, and the visitor will be taken into custody. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Sports

In Brief

TENNIS

Federer Survives Scare

Defending champion Roger Federer admitted he was lucky to escape with a vic-



Federer

tory at the Australian Open on Wednesday, edging Gilles Simon 6-2, 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3 in the second round. The usually reserved Federer pumped his fist in celebration with each point in the final

few games. He broke Simon's service in the sixth game of the deciding set to go up 4-2, held his service to go up 5-2, then held his serve two games later to clinch it with an ace on his fifth match point. (AP)

DOPING

Armstrong Brushes Off Sports Illustrated Report

Lance Armstrong says he has nothing to worry about "on any level" over new doping allegations raised in a report by Sports Illustrated. In a report posted Tuesday on its website, Sports Illustrated previewed a longer investigative piece that challenges Armstrong's statements that he cut ties to an Italian doctor and training adviser who has long been accused of helping cyclists cheat. (AP)

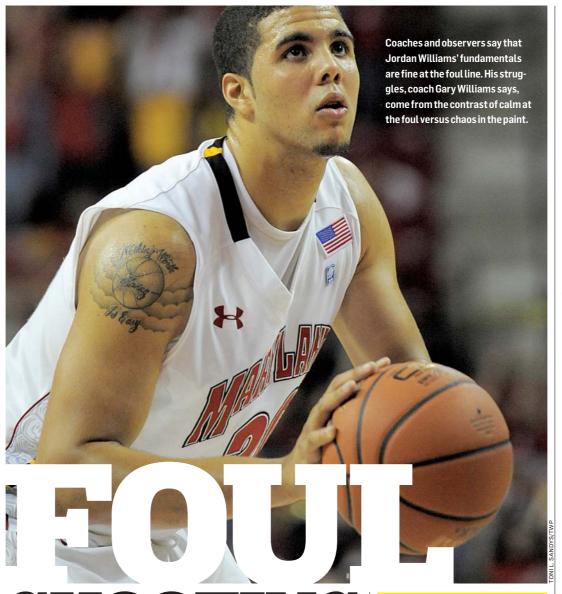
PRO BASKETBALL

Nets Give Up on Anthony

New Jersey Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov has told the team to end discussions on the Carmelo Anthony deal. In a news conference before New Jersey's game against Utah on Wednesday night, Prokhorov said he decided on Tuesday to stop pursuit of the Nuggets all-star forward, unhappy with how things played out in public (AP)

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The number of underclassmen who applied for this April's NFL draft—a record total, but only three more players than left college early a year ago. (AP)



SHOOTING

Maryland's close losses can be traced to ongoing failures at the charity stripe

Terps Hoops

They call it the charity stripe. It's supposed to be easy.

Just the shooter, the ball and 13 feet of empty air between the free throw line and the rim. The best can knock down this shot with 90 percent accuracy, like a machine going through the motions.

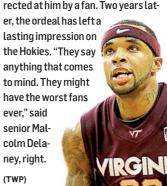
But for those who can't muster that mechanical efficiency, those 13 feet are a chasm where confidence withers and wins become losses with startling abruptness. It's been that way for the Maryland Terrapins. In each of Maryland's six losses, the margin of defeat could have been erased by making free throws. In those losses, the Terrapins (11-6, 1-2 ACC) shot just 56 percent from the line. Their 63 percent mark for the season is the worst in the ACC.

"We're into the middle of January now," coach Gary Williams said. "You have to make free throws."

Backstory

The last time Virginia Tech visited College Park—on Feb. 14, 2009

 Hokies forward Jeff Allen was caught making an obscene gesture to the Terrapin faithful. He said afterward it was because of a racial slur directed at him by a fan. Two years lat-



Fundamental Flav

How free throws have killed Maryland in its losses

| OPP. | SCORE | FT. | FT. % |
|------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Pitt | 79-70 | 14-30 | 46% |
| Illinois | 80-76 | 13-18 | 72% |
| Temple | 64-61 | 10-17 | 58% |
| BC | 79-75 | 8-14 | 57% |
| Duke | 71-64 | 9-17 | 53% |
| Villanova | 74-66 | 10-18 | 55% |
| FT. % in Losses: | | 64-114 | 56% |

WORST-CASE SCENARIO

Jordan Williams is Maryland's best player. The sophomore center leads the team in scoring and rebounds. He is also the biggest reason the team's free throw shooting is so anemic.

From the field, with defenders collapsing on him, he has made 60 percent of his attempts. From the foul line, he shoots only 52 percent.

That low figure is amplified because of the frequency with which he finds himself at the line. Williams has attempted 128 free throws this season. Maryland's other four starters have combined to attempt only 155 free throws, but they've made 77 percent.

Gary Williams said the sophomore has struggled to transition from the chaos of the low-post game to the calm of the free throw line. "He goes at such a high rate. When you're playing like that, the environment around you doesn't affect you at all," the coach said. "Then all of a sudden everything stops and he walks to the line and it's a different situation for him."

'WORKING AT IT'

Out of Jordan Williams' hand, the ball usually looks like it's going in, only to veer slightly off course. It's the same near-miss theme that surrounds Maryland's losses and that gives the Terps hope that the rest of the season will be better.

"Jordan is working at it, and we're working at it," Gary Williams said. "Hopefully, the last half of the ACC season we'll do a great job from the line." DEREK TURNER



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Sports

Hoyas Get Boost From Victories

Georgetown regains its footing by beating sub-.500 opponents

Hoyas Hoops

With two-straight road wins, the Hoyas have to be feeling pretty confident they can turn this ship around. But just as coach John Thompson III stressed when Georgetown lost four of five games, they are now only seven games into an 18-game Big East season.

The Hoyas still have a long road ahead, but with a 14-5 record (3-4 in the Big East), they are back in

"There's no time for us to be basically acting like punks. We gotta step up."

— **HOYAS PG CHRIS WRIGHT,** ON STAY-ING CONSISTENT IN THE BIG EAST.

the hunt. They'll ride their wins over sub-.500 teams, along with an eight-day breather, into their next set of games — three of four of which are against top 5 squads in the conference.

"It's a huge confidence booster," senior forward Julian Vaughn after the Hoyas' 80-75 win against Seton Hall on Tuesday. "We had a



Guard Chris Wright celebrates after the Hoyas' win versus Seton Hall Tuesday.

little adversity, but this group has never pointed fingers. This group is together as one unit."

The break will give the Hoyas a chance to work on their inconsistencies and faults, which include rebounding and blocking out on the defensive end.

The Hoyas have relied on hot streaks to garner big leads, but that seems to sap their energy and they let the opposition get too close. On Tuesday, the Pirates went on a 19-2 run in the second half to gain a seven-point lead before a late rally carried Georgetown to a much-needed victory.

"Make a few shots, it solves everything," Thompson said. "Get a few rebounds, get a few stops. It's a simple game: make shots and guard your guy." KRYSTINA LUCIDO

TV Lineup

CAPITALS (7 P.M., CSN) The Caps try to shake off a loss at Philadelphia with a game against the New York Islanders.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN AND ESPN2; 9 P.M., ESPN AND ESPN2; 10:30 P.M., FSN)

Auburn hosts SEC rival Florida; Rutgers battles South Florida in the Big East; Wisconsin hosts Indiana in a Big 10 showdown; Maryland battles ACC rival Virginia Tech; and Washington and Arizona tip off in the Pac 10.

NBA (8:15 P.M., 10:30 P.M., TNT)

Derrick Rose leads the Chicago Bulls against the Dallas Mavericks, and star rookie Blake Griffin and the Los Angeles Clippers aim to dominate the Portland Trail Blazers.

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Sports

Goalies' Health a Concern for the Capitals



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The Capitals

The Capitals expected that their tandem of 22-year-old goaltenders would compete all season to be named the No. 1 goaltender. Through 47 games, though, the question has often been which one is healthy rather than which is playing better.

The injury updates in goal continued on Wednesday as neither Michal Neuvirth nor Semyon Varlamov took part in the Capitals' practice in Philadelphia before the team traveled to

New York to face the Islanders on Thursday. Both goalies are officially listed as day-to-day with undisclosed lower-body injuries.

Neuvirth was sent back to Washington in the middle of the Capitals' three-game, weeklong road trip for further evaluation of the lower-body injury that prevented him from finishing the game Tuesday against Philadelphia. The team said it is not a groin problem that has sidelined Neuvirth, who was icing his left groin and hip area prior to Washington's 3-2 overtime loss to the Flyers on Tuesday.

Varlamov was given a maintenance day as a precaution, and coach Bruce Boudreau indicat-



The Caps sent Michal Neuvirth back to Washington with a lower-body injury.

ed that he was hopeful Varlamov would be able to dress against the Islanders. With Neuvirth no longer on the trip, Washington recalled goalie Braden Holtby from AHL affiliate Hershey.

Varlamov and Neuvirth have missed parts of at least 20 and 13 games, respectively, due to injury or illness this season, leaving about a third of the contests in which both have been available.

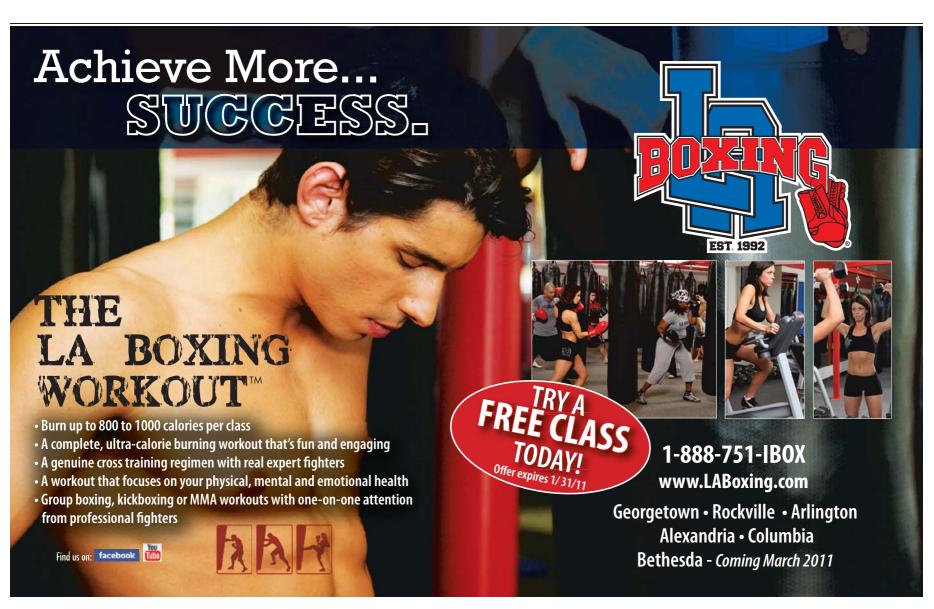
"I think it'd be a concern even if they were both healthy all the time," Boudreau said. "Every coach is always concerned about the goal-tender's durability. ... You hope that every time they lace the pads up that nothing bad happens. But it's a pretty precarious position where they've got to put their bodies in pretty weird spots sometimes."

KATIE CARRERA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Signings



THE NATIONALS reached an agreement on Wednesday with ex-Brewers reliever Todd Coffey, a right-hander known for his nasty slider and comically intense sprints from the bullpen to the mound. Terms were not disclosed. Coffey went 2-4 last year with a 4.76 ERA, striking out 56 and walking 23 in 62 1/3 innings. (TWP)



WeekendPass



on the Spot

"WHAT ENABLES ONE to exercise talent is the ability to impose oneself," wrote the late Kenneth Tynan. Plenty of both fueled his rise to prominence in the mid-'50s as Britain's most revered theater critic. When he wasn't sharpening his claws on the mediocre, he was championing the innovative. (And he loved to shock — he was the first to drop the F-bomb on English TV!) Philip Goodwin channels the scandalous chap in his one-man show at the Studio Theatre, "Tynan."

Is it overwhelming to play someone who had such an impact on theater?

Absolutely. One of the things that really overwhelms me is how beautiful his writing is. I feel great

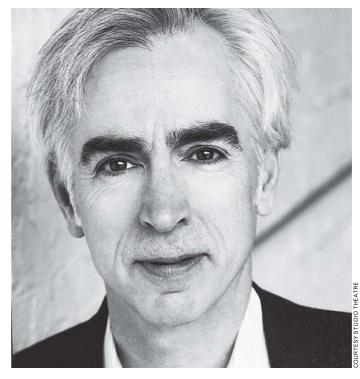
responsibility to it. He was only a critic for five or six years, but people remember him as that. This play is based on his diaries of the last 10 years of his life. Richard Nelson, the playwright, saw these diaries as his masterwork.

How would you characterize him?

He was a provocateur. He thought of himself as doing a service to art, someone who would prod people to change in positive ways, to provoke theater people to make new and exciting choices.

He was friends with Katharine Hepburn, Lawrence Olivier and other icons.

He was a fun person to be around, but he was also very interested in



Philip Goodwin

STAR (AND SOLE CAST MEMBER) OF 'TYNAN'

"He thought of himself ... as someone who would prod people to change in positive ways."

being around important people. When he was a kid, he collected autographs from famous people.

How do you prepare for a grueling 90-minute solo performance?

I've always said everyone should do a one-person show once in their life. I've never done one, so it's about time. I like to find that arc of the life, and that's the challenge: Can you sustain that arc for 90 minutes without relief? I'm enjoying that challenge, but it's also daunting. KATHERINE BOYLE (EXPRESS)

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Nightlife

A '70s roller-skating flick morphs into a NASA rocket launch, then into a kung-fu movie. A deep house soundtrack keeps the beat all the while. This AV mash-up is the work of Sam Abdelhamid, a video artist who performs under the moniker Masrae. But don't call him a VJ. "That's a weird title," Abdelhamid says. "Because there's not many things that I'm jockeying."

Abdelhamid spins visuals

alongside area DJs at venues including Little Miss Whiskey's Golden Dollar on H Street, Petworth's Island Café and the Science Club downtown. He pulls together footage from old newsreels, Vimeo, YouTube and his own material to create hallucinatory moving images that riff on a theme. One recent show paired clips from Stanley Kubrick's "The Shining" with tracks from rapper Jay Dilla's album by the same name.

If all this sounds a little arthouse for a typical happy hour, Abdelhamid — who has a degree in Digital Arts for Social Change from George Mason University —



Sam Abdelhamid, who makes video art as Masrae, wants to elevate happy hour.

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aims to elevate the watering-hole environment.

"I'm taking a presentation that would normally be shown in an art gallery and putting it into a bar setting," he says. "Some people are moved by what they see; sometimes they just want to listen to the music. And sometimes I can see them thinking, 'What the hell am I watching?" NEVIN MARTELL

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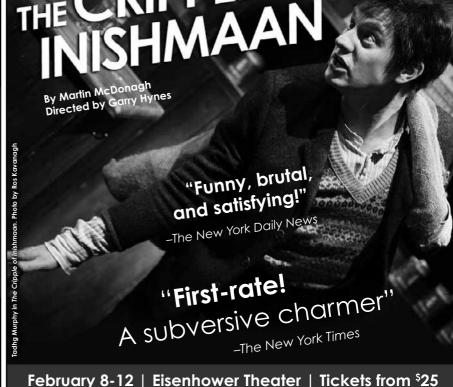
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A People's History of The Dismemberment Plan

Back in the grungy early '90s, D.C. had a reputation for being no fun at parties. We didn't dance at shows. Or, at our wildest, dancing meant a crossed-arm head bob combined with a look of grave concern.

But all that changed when the Dismemberment Plan came on the scene. The band's first full-length release, 1995's aptly titled "!," blended the post-punk sensibilities D.C. wallflowers trusted with dance-music rhythms we couldn't ignore. Dismemberment Plan shows were sweaty events propelled by a sloppy enthusiasm unheard of at D.C. rock shows. Punk was fun again.

Then, in 2003, the group called it quits. According to front man Travis Morrison: "Very few people continue the rock band road trip into

"We all agreed that we had absolutely no problem with becoming semi-retired local rockers who came together every couple years to play shows for a certain reason and then went about their business."

their 50s. When we broke up, we all agreed that we had absolutely no problem with becoming semi-retired local rockers who came together every couple years to play shows for a certain reason and then went about their business."

And so it has been. The D-Plan reunited once before, in 2007, to play a few benefit concerts. Those sold out within minutes — as did tickets for three shows this weekend. If

you missed out, you can try for tickets to shows on the rest of a 12-date mini-tour marking the anniversary of the vinyl release of breakout 1999 album "Emergency & I." Actually, most of those have already sold out, too. So, you may want to just catch the band on "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon" on Thursday.

To help you get your pre-show nostalgia on, Express sat down with Morrison and bassist Eric Axelson to draft a visual history of the Dismemberment Plan. TONY SCLAFANI

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Most of the band met at **Virginia's Lake Braddock Secondary School**,

including Morrison, Axelson and original drummer Steve Cummings. The school grows talent: Other notable Lake Braddock graduates include Everclear drummer Greg Eklund and Olympic gold medalist soccer player **Mia Hamm.**

While attending college — The College of William & Mary and the University of Mary

Washington, respectively — Morrison and Axelson met again and started playing music together. Axelson knew guitarist Jason Caddell from Mary Washington.



Axelson reached out to Cummings to play drums —

Cummings was Axelson's longtime next-door neighbor. He left the band when touring became a priority. The band tapped drummer Joe Easley from another local band, Lot Five. Axelson and Cummings are now family. Cummings married Axelson's sister, and they have three kids.

"I don't have any stories, like, 'Ben Gibbard threw pancakes at a truck outside a Waffle House."

The D-Plan's 2002 tour with Death Cab for Cutie was uneventful, Morrison claims.

For the 2003 DIY remix album "A People's History of the Dismemberment Plan," the

band put all the music tracks from its last two albums online and let fans remix the songs. Of "People's History," Axelson says: "If you had interest in messing with samples or computer music, it was free license to take songs and do what you wanted."

LINER NOTES

The band's breakout effort. the "Can We Be Mature?" EP. was released on the Alcove label, run by friends in Fredericksburg, WVa. The EP was pressed on pink vinyl, which "sounds terrible," Morrison says. "Plus, the records warp really easily."

Morrison came up with the band's odd name while watching the movie "Groundhog Day," in which Bill Murray's character buys every possible type of insurance — even the optional dismemberment plan.



The band reunited for the first time in 2007

for two shows to raise money for Callum Robbins, son of local rocker J. Robbins, who was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy, an incurable nerve disorder.



"Emergency & I" got a double vinyl rerelease Jan. 11. The original CD is spread among the first three sides. Side four contains four B-sides and EP tracks: "Just Like You," "The Dismemberment Plan Gets Rich," "Since You Died" and "The First Anniversary of Your Last Phone Call."

LINER NOTES

Morrison counts "Emergency & I" as the band's best release, but his favorite D-Plan album is its second, "The Dismemberment Plan Is Terrified."

BACKSTORY

The band initially recorded for D.C.'s DeSoto label but signed with the major label Interscope Records for its third CD, "Emergency & I." Interscope let the band release "Emergency & I" on DeSoto, even though Interscope footed the bill.



Easley went back to the University of Maryland and earned a degree in aerospace engineering. He now works for a contractor at NASA. After the
D-Plan broke
up, **Morrison**recorded two
solo albums.
He's now
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played bass for a few years in Maritime, which featured members of emo heroes the Promise Ring. Axelson was a high school teacher and now works for

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Axelson

caddell got into music production and founded local band Poor But Sexy, for which Axelson occasionally plays percussion.

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Ladies to The Front

From lyrics to beats to MTV nods, Ra the MC is keeping it real for female rappers

Music

Ra the MC's rap calling came early. "I wrote my first rap when I was in the seventh grade," says the D.C. native, who counts Notorious B.I.G. and Lauryn Hill among her biggest inspirations growing up.

"I definitely always knew this was what I wanted to do," she says. "There was no plan B."

Ra, née Rashea Faulkner, hit the talent show circuit as a teenager, then landed in New Jersey for college — mostly to appease her mother, who wanted a plan B.

She spent weekends haunting open mics and freestyle battles in nearby New York City, quickly making a name for herself with her aggressive style and wry wordplay.

But, as a female MC, respect didn't come easily. "You have to go through that phase to get any respect as a rapper up there," she says. "You're always underestimated as a woman. It's a male-dominated industry. It's always been hard for women."

Even since she returned to Washington in 2007, Ra says getting taken seriously as a female rapper is its own full-time job. She has a string of successful mixtapes under her belt, performances alongside such heavyweights as Nas and Wu-Tang Clan, and even an MTV VMA Breakout Artist nomination. Still, she says, "I go through headaches at every show trying to get a fair shot."

But years of hard work are paying off: Ra was just named one



D.C.'s Rathe MC has made her mark in the hip-hop world the old-fashioned way: by laying down rhymes that stick in your head.

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of the area's top 10 rappers by local radio station WKYS. She's the lone female MC on the list, alongside such hometown rap heroes as Tabi Bonney and Wale.

"It definitely feels good for people to pay attention and

acknowledge my work," says Ra, who joins label mates XO and AB the Producer this week for a performance at Strathmore's Friday Night Eclectic.

It's looking like 2011 could be the year Ra crosses over:

She dropped her sixth mixtape, "Victory Lap," this past week, a follow-up to last year's well-received full-length album, "Heart of a Champion."

"This tape is reminding people I'm a lyricist," she says. "I always have fun, but at heart, I'm a rapper." KRISTINA GRAY

• The Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda; Fri., 8 p.m., \$10-\$12; 301-581-5100, Strathmore.org. (Grosvenor)

Arena-Rock Recovery Program

Little Dragon is taking a small-scale route to making it stateside

Music

Little Dragon bassist Fredrick Källgren is from Sweden, so he sometimes has to search a bit to find the right English word. But it doesn't take him any time at all to explain the primary motivation of his electropop band, Little Dragon.

"Soul," Källgren says of how the band approaches songwriting. "It's more about a feeling. It's about creating a soulful atmosphere."

Though Little Dragon hasn't benefited much from radio

airplay in the U.S., the band has a growing fan base: Outlets from the BBC to Pitchfork gave their 2009 album, "Machine Dreams," glowing reviews, and the group opened for friends Gorillaz and De La Soul on their 2010 arena tour. But after playing that supporting role, Källgren says, the band hopes to make a name for itself stateside this year playing smaller clubs — like the Black Cat, where they perform Saturday.

"Hype bands get hyped up in different media and stuff, and people can get a bit disappointed, and people can get a bit antsy," he explains. "Word of mouth is from people seeing the show and seeing what it's all about."

Little Dragon is now working on



After an opening slot on a big-venue tour, Little Dragon is thinking smaller.

"Ritual Union," a new album slated for release this summer. Källgren promises that it will feature songs with more tribal, African and dance elements designed to get audiences in the groove.

"We have a lot of songs to try to choose from, so I think we're pretty close to nailing down what we want it to be," he says of the upcoming disc. "We're going to play a few of the new songs on tour when we come to Washington. We want to make something new all the time, and to get people dancing."

 Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; with Billygoat, Sat., 9 p.m., \$18; 202-667-7960, Blackcatdc.com.
 (U St.-Cardozo)



Hey, Cool Dude

HEAD TO VELVET LOUNGE

Friday for "Cool Dudes Hanging Out," a new monthly comedy show. The inaugural lineup features six local comedians, including 18-year-old Brandon Wardell, above, who's been described as "like if Michael Cera were from Fairfax." We suppose this means that he knows his way around a strip mall parking lot.

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Tales of the City

Witold Rybczynski gives new meaning to the term 'street life'

Books

"Most American cities," says architecture critic Witold Rybczynski, "make themselves up and then remake themselves as they go along."

The mercurial nature of our urban centers is the subject of his latest book, "Makeshift Metropolis."



Rybczynski

In it, he delves into a century of ideas ranging from the City Beautiful movement to Frank Lloyd Wright's controversial Broada-..... cre City, exploring

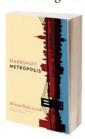
how plans are adopted, mutated or rejected over time.

D.C. is unusual, he says. "It is really one of the few where the plan has really dominated. Most cities start with a plan but end up with something very different, whereas Washington is so tied to the L'Enfant plan that if something isn't part of that plan, it shouldn't be there."

Express asked Rybczynski to give us a tour of the streets, sidewalks and alleyways of his "Makeshift Metropolis."

In the book, you discuss the role of the market in determining which ideas are adopted and how they change over time.

The market decides, but the market doesn't originate anything. Nobody



knows they need iPods until they come along. Ideas about city planning were proposed to the public, and some of them were successful and some

of them weren't. Ultimately, our cities are the results much more of market forces than of planning.

Washington seems like it bucks that trend.

A hundred years ago, D.C. was not so unusual. Height limits were adopted by many cities. But Washington kept them when virtually every other city in the country allowed skyscrapers. D.C. looks much more like a European city: It doesn't have a skyline, and the only things that stick up are steeples.

You call the Yards, an ongoing development near Capitol Hill, an example of good urban planning.

It brings together the lessons we've learned about how to densify and rebuild cities. First of all, it's on the river. It turns out we're very attracted to water for recreation, and we like the promenades along the water. Many of the old Navy Yard buildings are being recycled. That's also a new aspect of urban redevelopment - saving old buildings.

That development seems to show a good grasp of the successes and failures of previous decades.

Part of the book is about this terrible period in the 1950s and 1960s when we tried to completely remake our cities. We demolished a lot of things; we pushed highways through cities; we created these superblock projects. What's striking about projects like the Yards is that, in some ways, they're very traditional. I think we've gone back and realized that the city is this great invention, and you don't need to change it. STEPHEN M. DEUSNER

Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Thu., 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919, Politics-prose.com. (Van Ness)

Whee! Of Fortune

When Yo La Tengo takes the stage at the 9:30 Club Friday, it may feel more like a game show than a rock show. There's no set list; instead, the band will decide the evening's lineup with a spin of a wheel. If you're lucky, the wheel will decree that the band play an actual song — though it might have to begin with the letter "S." But, with eight oddball categories, the audience might be subjected to 45 minutes of Yo La Tengo's acting out an episode of a random sitcom. "For the most part, when we go out and play, we'd rather the audience doesn't know what's coming," says founding guitarist Ira Kaplan. Here's a brief rundown of the wheel's mysterious categories. Kaplan explains it all at Expressnightout.com. RUDI GREENBERG (EXPRESS)

Condo [F***]s

This is Yo La Tengo's "louder and fuzzier" cover-band alter ego. If the wheel lands on this one, look out.

Dump

The wheel might dictate that the band play a song from bassist James McNew's lo-fi side project, Dump.

The Freewheeling Yo La Tengo

Sometimes, the spinner sets a mellow tone, choosing a song by Yo La Tengo, unplugged.

The Name Game

Kaplan isn't sure why so many of his band's songs include someone's name, but there are definitely more than 45 minutes worth of 'em. They might play one of those.

Songs Starting With "S"

Or, perhaps the wheel will desire one that begins with the letter "S."

Sitcom Theater

Call this one the booby prize: "We have a script to a popular sitcom, and we will perform it in some sort of fashion," Kaplan says. That fashion will be in no way musical. No word on what the show is, but we are hoping for the "Friends" episode where Ross adopts the monkey.

"The Sounds of Science" Parts 1 & 2

In 2001, Yo La Tengo wrote an instrumental score to accompany a series of shorts by filmmaker Jean Painlevé. This tour will be the first time the band performs the songs without the films screening and with their regular instruments. This option seems the most technically complicated: "There has been an element of relearning those songs," Kaplan says.

9:30 Club, 815 V St NW; with William Tyler; Fri., 8 p.m., \$20; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U St.- Cardozo)

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take five



Seth Rogen is a sillier superhero in Michel Gondry's "The Green Hornet."

The Green Hornet There was a time when movies about superheroes were full of angst. Then this punk, the Green Hornet, shows up. His movie's fun. It's light-hearted. It's full of jokes. Heroes don't tell jokes. The Riddler tells jokes.

2 The Dilemma

Although the Judd Apatow brigade has cornered the market on the bromance genre, neither Vince Vaughn's quick wit nor his chemistry with Kevin James can transform "The Dilemma" into anything more than a buddy flick.

3 True Grit

Writer-directors Joel and Ethan Coen remake the 1969 Western that earned John Wayne his only Oscar. "True Grit" has received the care, consideration and classy retooling Charles Portis' novel deserves.

4 The King's Speech

There's nothing not to love about Tom Hooper's historical drama, which tells the story of how Britain's King George VI (Colin Firth) overcame a debilitating stutter and went on to lead the country through World War II.

5 Black Swan

Director Darren Aronofsky takes all of the classic tropes of ballet films and ruthlessly twists their classical lines, contorting them with gothic horror that grows more brutal as the film's main character (Natalie Portman) becomes more unhinged.

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Downsizing American Dreams

Director John Wells' 'The Company Men' looks at the ripple effects of joblessness

Director Q&A

How do you get four Oscar winners in an indie film? Just have John Wells write and direct



it. Best known for producing shows like "ER" and "The West Wing," Wells makes his feature film directorial debut with "The Company Men," a drama about

downsizing corporations hitting theaters Friday. Express chatted with Wells about timing, layoffs and his take on the American dream.

This script has been in existence for almost a decade. Why return to



Kevin Costner and Ben Affleck star in director John Wells' "The Company Men."

Three years ago, we went back to [the script] and did a couple of hundred more interviews and changed it substantially. There's a certain serendipity to the material, going from something happening to a lot of people to something that's happening to tens of millions of people.

Why concentrate on white-collar

These trends have been happening for blue-collar workers since the '80s, so they've adjusted to the cycles of downsizing. Not that it's easy for them, but it's not new. What is new is this whole group of white collar men who feel like they've done what they were supposed to do. They've gone to college. They've gotten advanced degrees. They bought houses and pursued the American dream thinking life was going to go a certain way. We're now discovering it's not going that way.

So, white-collar men feel differently when they get laid off?

When you're a blue-collar worker who has made something, you're able to say, "I built that house over there." They had a sense of what they did. White-collar workers, particularly in finance, the only representation of what they did was what they owned. As the things were lost, they lost their

So, can the recession help to redefine America?

All of this has to be readdressed: How much stuff do we need? Is it making our lives better? The film asks a lot of questions that it doesn't necessarily answer, but it says, "This is what we're going through as a country, and we're going to be different at the end of it." KATHERINE BOYLE (EXPRESS)

German Engineering

indies & arties

If we were tempted to make jokes based on stereotypes, we would crack wise about Film Neu, a German film festival now in its 19th year, stomping over to the Polish Film Festival and taking all its stuff. But it turns out this German fest is quite progressive - it also includes Germanlanguage Austrian and Swiss cinema - so, we'll have to settle for a lazy punch line about that gutteral "acchhhh" sound.

From Jan. 21 to 27, Film|Neu will feature 10 films (all with English subtitles), opening with this year's German Oscar submission, Feo Aladag's "WHEN WE LEAVE." The film examines Germany's new melting-pot identity through



"The Silence," which screens at E Street Cinema, deals with crime in a rural town.

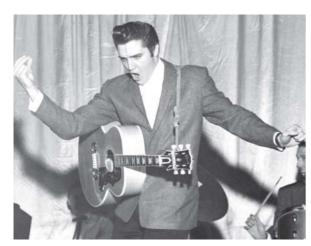
the story of a German-born Turkish woman struggling to decide whether to leave her family's traditions behind — for her sake and her son's. Aladag herself will present a director's talk after the film's opening-night screening.

Other intriguing submissions include "THE SILENCE," in which a girl's murder in a rural community stirs memories of a similar crime that happened there years before.

First-time feature director Johannes Naber's film, "VINCENT WANTS TO SEA," locks up the win for oddest premise, following Vincent, a young man with Tourette's syndrome, as he takes his mother's ashes (in his pocket, naturally) from Germany to the Italian coast. The festival's only documentary, "ALL MY FATHERS," traces the journey of director Jan Raiber as he tracks down his biological dad. Except that the man he thought was his biological dad isn't, meaning that the film is full of wrenchingly personal moments as his family - related by blood or not — tries to figure out where they stand. Kristen Page-Kirby (Express)

Goethe-Institut, 812 7th St. NW; Fri., 7 p.m. (opening night), \$25, 202-289-1200, Goethe.de/Washington. Other films screen at Landmark's E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; see Landmarktheaters.com for showtimes, \$7.50-\$10; 202-452-7672. (Metro Center)

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A Hunka Burnin' Love

It feels like the National Portrait Gallery has been celebrating Elvis since the late Jurassic period. (It's actually just been a year.) This exhaustive flogging of the King's effect on culture finally ends Sunday; mourn its passing at a concert by Elvis impersonator Scot Bruce Thursday.

National Portrait Gallery, 8th and F streets

NW: Thu., 7 p.m., free; 202-633-8520, Npg.si.edu. (Gallery Place)



Chely Wright made a splash by being one of the first country stars to come out as gay, but amid the publicity about her activism and personal life, it's easy to forget that she makes music, too. Her extraordinarily mellow country tunes will lull you right into an impromptu power nap. Or, maybe you just need more sleep. → Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; Fri., 7:30 p.m., \$25; 703-549-7500, Birchmere.com.



American Art

The late Navajo artist R.C.
Gorman was renowned for his graceful, richly hued depictions of Native American women. The 28 early prints and drawings (from 1966 to 1974) now at the Smithsonian presage the portraits that would become his trademark.

→ National Museum of the American Indian, Independence Avenue and 4th Street SW; through May 1, free; 202-633-1000, Americanindian.si.edu. (L'Enfant Plaza)



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Dark Topic

Dark matter! Stupid name; INSANE concept: 96 percent of the universe is made up of something! We don't know what! So, we call it "dark matter." And it's not only a great metaphor for human consciousness; it's the subject of Richard Panek's new book, "The 4 Percent Universe." which he'll be discussing this weekend. → Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Sat., 6 p.m., free; 202-364-1919, Politicsprose.com. (Van Ness)

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THURSDAY

9:30 Club: Tokyp Police Club, Two Door Cinema Club, Someone Still Loves You Boris Yeltsin, 7 p.m., sold out.

Black Cat: Kylesa, Zoroaster, Fight Amp, 8 p.m., \$13.

Blues Alley: Eddie Palmieri, Brian Lynch Quartet, 8 & 10 p.m., \$37.75.

lota: Terry Adams, Bobby Houck, 9 p.m., \$16.

Jammin' Java: Schiavone, We Were Kings, Against Grace, 7 p.m., \$13.

Kennedy Center/Concert Hall: Conductor Kirill Karabits, violinist Sergey Khachatryan, 7 p.m., \$20-\$85.

Kennedy Center/Millennium Stage: Youth Orchestra Day, 6 p.m., free.

Music Center at Strathmore:

Friedrich Kleinhapl, Andreas Woyke, 7:30 p.m., sold out.

Rams Head Tavern: Gary Puckett and the Union Gap, 8 p.m., \$39.50.

Red Palace: My Enemy Complete, 9 p.m., \$10.

Rock & Roll Hotel: Peanut Butter and Dave, the Riverbreaks, 9 p.m., \$10.

Twins Jazz: The Vocal Workshop, 7 p.m., \$6.

U Street Music Hall: Kevin Saunderson, Measax, Solomon Sanchez, 10 p.m.,

Velvet Lounge: Daddy Luion, Petticoat, Tearoom, Stripmall Ballads, 9 p.m., \$8.

FRIDAY

9:30 Club: Yo La Tengo, William Tyler, 8 p.m., sold out.

Birchmere: Chely Wright, Deep River 7:30 p.m., \$25.

Black Cat: The Dismembermant Plan, Bluebrain, Tereu Tereu, 9 p.m., sold out.

Blues Alley: Eddie Palmieri, Brian Lynch Quartet, 8 & 10 p.m., \$37.75.

Iota: Eilen Jewell, 9 p.m., \$15.

Kennedy Center/Concert Hall: Conductor Kirill Karabits, violinist Sergey Khachatryan, 7 p.m., \$20-\$85.

Kennedy Center/Millennium Stage: Francis Farewell Starlite, 6 p.m., free.

Music Center at Strathmore: X.O., RAtheMC, AB the Pro, 8 p.m., \$12; BSO: Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony, 8:15 p.m., \$28-\$88.

Rams Head Tavern: The Smithereens,

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We love V-neck-sporting scenester bands as much as the next person, but their unceasing cutesy quirks can become grating, unless they remember to stay just a little bit grungy. Tokyo Police Club's dancy, riff-heavy indie rock has an unpolished edge that keeps it from being too adorable.

→ 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Thu., 7 p.m., sold out; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U St.-Cardozo)



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6:30 & 9:30 p.m., \$30.

Red Palace: The Sights, the Blackberry Belles, the Milkstains, 8:30 p.m., \$8.

Rock & Roll Hotel: Du Brut, the Jones,

Borracho, 9 p.m., \$10.

Twins Jazz: Kessler, Williams, Atoniuk, Hawkins Quarter, 9 & 11 p.m., \$15.

U Street Music Hall: Lee Cutis, Matt Tolfrey, 10 p.m., \$10.

Velvet Lounge: Alex Vans, Zach Peterson, Benny, 10 p.m., \$8.

SATURDAY

9:30 Club: The Dismemberment Plan, Poor But Sevy, Batala, 7 p.m., sold out. **Birchmere:** Chrisette Michele,

7:30 p.m., sold out.

Black Cat: Little Gragon, Billygoat, 9 p.m., \$15-\$18.

Blues Alley: Eddie Palmieri, Brian Lynch Quartet, 8 & 10 p.m., \$37.75.

lota: Evan Dando, Julianna Hatfeld, Lady Lamb the Beekeeper, 9 p.m., \$20.

Jammin' Java: The Bigger Lights, Boys Will Be Boys, the Love Light, 6 p.m., \$13; Fight the Bear, Overdrive Superthruster, 10 p.m., \$13.

Kennedy Center/Concert Hall: Con-

Sharp-Dressed Men



AMERICAN APPAREL: D.C.-based indie rockers U.S. Royalty are tres chic (just look at that photo!). Besides being named by Esquire as the best-dressed band at last year's CMJ Music Marathon, the group writes some jaunty pop songs, many of which appear on its debut, "Mirrors," out Jan. 25. Call Saturday's show at the Rock and Roll Hotel an early celebration.

ductor Christoph Eschenbach, pianist Tzimon Barto, 8 p.m., \$20-\$85.

Kennedy Center/Millennium Stage: Sierra Hull, 6 p.m., free.

Kennedy Center/Terrace Theater: Pianist Sofya Gulyak, 2 p.m., \$38.

Music Center at Strathmore: Jason Calloway, Rachel Calloway, Orsolya Korcsolan, Shoshana Telner, 7:30 p.m., free

Red Palace: Old City Sideshow, 9 p.m.,

Rock & Roll Hotel: U.S. Royalty, the Rassle, Honey House, 9:30 p.m., \$10-\$12.

Twins Jazz: Music of Wayne Shorter, 9 & 11 p.m., \$15.

Velvet Lounge: The Silver Liners, Brittany Jean, Council Bluffs, 10 p.m., \$8.

SUNDAY

9:30 Club: The Dismemberment Plan, Office of Future Plans, Fulton Lights, 7 p.m., sold out.

Birchmere: Lyle Lovett, John Hiatt, 7:30 p.m., sold out.

Blues Alley: Eddie Palmieri, Brian Lynch Quartet, 8 & 10 p.m., \$37.75.

lota: Turku: Nomads of the Silk Road, Mavi, 8 p.m., \$15.





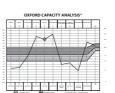
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Singer-Storyteller



ANGEL EYES: John Hiatt's never had a hit, but that hasn't stopped him from becoming one of America's most respected singer-songwriters. On Sunday, he'll close out three nights of trading songs and stories with Lyle Lovett at the Birchmere.

Kennedy Center/Concert Hall: Conductor Christoph Eschenbach, pianist Tzimon Barto, 8 p.m., \$20-\$85.

Kennedy Center/Millennium Stage: U.S. Navy Band, 6 p.m., free.

Kennedy Center/Terrace Theater: Cellist Amit Peled, 2 p.m., \$35.

Music Center at Strathmore:

National Philharmonic: Brian Ganz Chopin piano recital, 8 p.m., \$24-\$34.

Rock & Roll Hotel: John McCauleym Ian O'Neil, the Shivers, 8:30 p.m., \$12. Twins Jazz: Max Light Trio, 8 & 10 p.m.,

S10. Velvet Lounge: Lenorable, A Field

Mouse, Allison Weiss, 9 p.m., \$8.

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LAST CHANCE Addison/Ripley: "No Edition: Painterly Prints," works by Lou Stovall, through Sat. 1670 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-338-5180, Addisonripley-fineart.com.

LAST CHANCE Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "Gods of Angkor: Bronzes From the National Museum of Cambodia," a collection of Cambodian sculptures,

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Fairfax Art League: "Take Me Away — Italy!" Ruth Bailey presents paintings

of Italian settings and landscapes, on display with new works by the gallery's members, through Feb. 2. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax; 703-273-2377, Fairfaxartleague.com.

Flashpoint: "Tracing Form," contemporary Irish artist Suzannah Vaughan presents glass and cement sculptures along with an installation of string, opening Fri., through Feb. 12. 916 G St. NW; 202315-1305, Flashpointdc.org.

Foundry Gallery: "Celebrate Gay Marriage," submitted art selected by the gallery will be on display to honor gay marriage in the District, through Jan. 30. 1314 18th St. NW; 202-463-0203.

Freer Gallery of Art: "Ancient Chinese Jades and Bronzes," more than 100 pieces in jade and bronze showing the Liangzhu culture, through Aug. 1: "Chinamania: Whistler and the Victorian Craze for Blue and White," includes blue-and-white Chinese ceramic dishes, and drawings, paintings and etchings by James McNeill Whistler, through Aug. 1. Jefferson Drive and 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000. Asia.si.edu.

Gallery 555: "The Media Is the Message," work on display from three local

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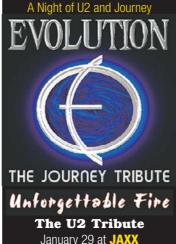


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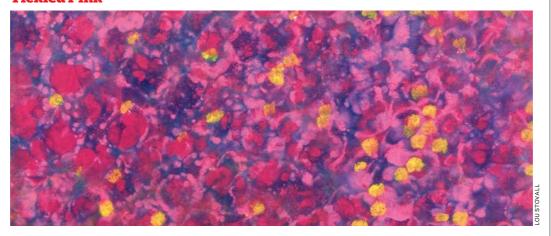
artists who have worked in nontraditional mediums, through Feb. 25. 555 12th St. NW; 202-393-1409, Gallery555dc.com.

Gateway Arts Center: "Alternative Life," Jeremy Chase Sanders, a San Francisco-based textile artist with synesthesia, color codes the threads in his hand-woven pieces to add a layer of meaning, through Feb. 26. 3901 Rhode Island Ave., Brentwood; 301-864-3860.

Goethe-Institut: "Documentary Photography 07/08," works by winners of the Wüstenrot Foundation Award, through Jan. 28. 812 Seventh St. NW; 202-289-1200, Goethe.de.

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PRINT SHOP: Lou Stovall's exhibit "No Edition: Painterly Prints," now at Addison/Ripley Fine Art, shows up the kids at Kinko's with his printmaking skills. He's known for rich, saturated colors that create depth beyond what Xerox can do.

ture Garden: "Black Box: Hans Op de Beeck," a dark background offsets lighting effects and black-and-white film, as well as sculpture, painting, drawing and installations, through Feb. 27; "Colorforms," the exhibit explores the history of artists' fascination with abstract color from World War II to the present, through Jan. 2; "Directions: Mario Garcia Torres and Cyprien Gaillard," the two artists examine recent art, through March 27: "Guillermo Kuitca: Everything Paintings and Works on Paper, 1980-2008," more than two decades of paintings by the Argentine artist, through Jan. 16. Seventh Street and Independence Avenue SW: 202-633-1000. Hirsh-

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The King's Speech (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:45 The Green Hornet 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15 Country Strong (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:55
Black Swan (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 3:20-5:00-6:10-8:00-8:50 The Fighter (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 1:35-4:20-7:20-10:00

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The Green Hornet 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30

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Honfleur: "Controversial Characters of Portraits Past," Eric Finzi uses non-traditional tools, such as torches and syringes, to create portraits in resin paint, through Feb. 18. "New Works," large-scale oil paintings of surrealist landscapes and portraits by Jordan Kasey, through Feb. 18. 1241 Good Hope

Road SE; 202-536-8994, Honfleurgal-lerv.com.

Industry Gallery: "Fossilized," an exhibit of work by Jens Praet, who uses shredded magazine pages to design and build furniture, through Feb. 26. 1358 Florida Ave. NE; 202-399-1730, Industrygallerydc.com.

LAST CHANCE International Visions:

"Yaw Oboubi: Rhythmic Pulse," yarn col-

lages by the Ghanaian artist, through Sat. 2629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-5112.

Irvine: "Saturnalia," new works by gallery artists, opening Sat., through Feb. 12.141214th St. NW; 202-332-8767, Irvinecontemporary.com.

Mexican Cultural Institute: "Weaving Diversity: Textiles From Oaxaca," an exhibit of attire common in the late 19th

and 20th centuries, through Feb. 26. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628, Portal. sre.gob.mx.

National Academy of Sciences,

Keck Center: "Art & Science," an exhibit highlighting the artwork collection by the National Academy of Sciences, on display by appointment only, through April 2, 2012. 500 Fifth St. NW;

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Omelets, waffles and French toast are standard brunch fare, but there's no need to resort to such obvious options. Enjoying Chinese dim sum (a variety of bite-sized dishes) on a wintry Sunday morning is a nice way to mix up the weekend tradition. Eats come as small plates and are served family style, which means everyone can eat what they want and try something new. Plus, you won't have to spend five agonizing minutes deciding whether you want the bacon or the sausage links. NEVIN MARTELL



MARK'S DUCK HOUSE

Seafood dumplings are the house specialty at this Falls Church institution, where they come stuffed with lobster, abalone, crab meat or scallops, above. Another standout is the flaky triangular roast pork croissant, which is not at all like the classic French pastry but is nonetheless magnificent. Adven-

turous diners should try the jellyfish served with sesame dressing or the spicy beef stomach braised with chilies. There are also plenty of vegetarian options such as panfried chive dumplings and griddled turnip cakes, so no one at the table feels left out.

6184-A Arlington Blvd., Falls Church;
 703-532-2125. Marksduckhouse.com.



PING PONG DIM SUM

This Chinatown hot spot puts a contemporary spin on textbook Hong Kong and Cantonese dim sum. There are more than 60 small plates on the menu, including classics such as har gau (steamed dumplings filled with shrimp and bamboo shoots), left; fried vegetable spring rolls with a Hoisin dipping sauce; and fluffy shar sui buns filled with sweet barbecued pork. "It's a nice change from pancakes and bacon," says Ping Pong executive chef Darren Wightman. There's also unlimited mimosas during brunch, which come in ever-changing weekly flavors such as lychee and passion fruit.

900 7th St. NW; 202-506-3740,
 Pingpongdimsum.us.

A&J

Tucked away on the lower level of an unassuming Rockville strip mall is some of the area's best dim sum. For 40 years, this cozy, cash-only gem has specialized in eats of the northern Chinese tradition. Start off with a bowl of the dan dan mian, a mix of spicy sesame sauce and your choice of rice noodles (the wider,

ribbon-y option is best). Move on to a sesame biscuit split open and packed with roast beef or a quartet of steamed pork buns. To keep things cool, order a bubble tea filled with tapioca beads in flavors such as guava, honeydew melon and coffee.

• 1319-C Rockville Pike, Rockville; 301-251-7878.



ORIENTAL EAST

This dim sum mecca has been serving Cantonese-style fare to a devoted legion of followers for two decades now — it's not uncommon to see a line forming as early as 7 a.m. on weekends. Carts wheel through the open dining room loaded down with dozens of options. "People can pick what they want, have a cup of tea and just enjoy themselves," says coowner Peggy Lee. "It's a nice family tradition." Savory options such as beef-stuffed rice noodle crepes wallowing in soy sauce and starchy birds-nest-style taro dumplings are worth the long line, as are sweet pastries such as the yellow-glazed bun filled with smooth egg custard and mashed pineapple.

1290 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring;
 301-608-0030. Orientaleast.com.

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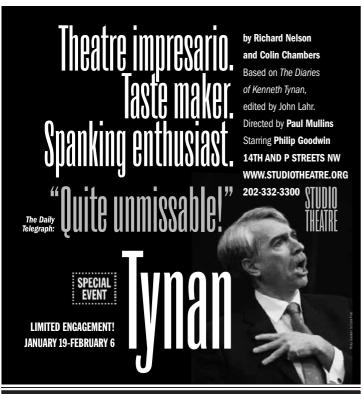
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Usually, we wouldn't send you to an event that costs as much as a monthly car note, but we know how much you love dining with a purpose — you know, if you're going to blow the money anyway. Fill up and give back at Saturday Night Sips and Sunday Night Suppers, a cocktail party and seated dinner to benefit local charities D.C. Central Kitchen and Martha's Table.

Saturday night (Saturdaysips. eventbrite.com) takes place at 1609 16th St. NW and will be hosted by chef, author and slow-food evangelist Alice Waters, as well as cookbook author Joan Nathan and D.C.'s own food star Jose Andres, above. It will also feature bites from top area chefs such as Will Artley of Evening Star, Garret Flemming of Eatonville and Antonia Burrell of Masa 14. to name a few.

Wash this all down (including the \$100 price tag) with either specialty cocktails mixed by local liquor gurus Dan Searing of Room 11, Gina Chersevani of PS 7's and Owen Thompson of Cafe Atlantico — or with wine-pairing suggestions from the experts behind Le Baccanti, a company specializing in luxury vacations to Italy.

After sleeping Saturday off, eat and be merry again Sunday night (Sundaysuppers.eventbrite.com) when, for \$500, noted chefs — Todd Gray (Equinox), Victor Albisu (BLT Steak), Robert Weland (Poste), Bertrand Chemel (2941) and many others — will pair up to prepare more intimate Sunday Night Suppers for guests in 14 D.C. homes using locally sourced and sustainable ingredients.



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Sliced Three Ways

Matchbox pizza opens its third and largest location in Rockville

New Spot

Matchbox — a retro pizza bistro has been a hit concept with D.C. diners since 2003, when the first location debuted in Chinatown. A second followed in Barracks Row in 2008, and now a third has opened its doors out in Rockville.

This latest outpost is the biggest Matchbox yet, able to accommodate 300 people inside and another 130 on two patios. That's a lot of hungry souls to handle by any standards. The restaurant meets this imposing challenge with grace and charm, and the dining experience never feels impersonal or massproduced.

There's little argument that you're chowing down in an impressive space. When you walk in the doors, a pair of wood-fired ovens greet you and a massive open kitchen unfolds to the left. There are two full bars. The wall above the entrance is constructed fromreclaimed wood taken from two barns outside Rochester, N.Y. And



Savory and intense toppings make Matchbox's pies a complement to the big, bold enterprise.

an elevated VIP room — seating for up to six diners — seemingly floats above the room like a castle in the sky.

The menu remains the same as at the D.C. locations, though chef Jonathan McArthur adds daily specials influenced by his whim and the season. Some people may come for these limited-edition dishes, but most will be looking for the pizza and the Parmesan-dusted mini-hamburgers, which come in orders of three, six or nine. (Don't call them sliders within earshot of an owner or else you'll get an earful about how that term refers only to factory-pressed White Castle fare, not these handmade patties.)

When it comes to the pizza, the Spicy Meatball is not for wimps the crushed red pepper, fiery meatballs and fresh garlic puree work triple overtime to torch taste buds. The Sweet Soppressata & Wild Mushroom mixes the salty salami overtones with earthy undertones. And the Coppa Italian Ham & Arugula artfully combines its star ingredients with pesto, ricotta cheese, Roma tomatoes and mozzarella to create a richly rewarding dish. Savory and intense toppings make Matchbox's pies a complement to the big, bold enterprise - probably coming soon to yet another (larger) location near YOU. NEVIN MARTELL

• 1699 Rockville Pike, Rockville; 301-816-0369. Matchboxrockville.com.

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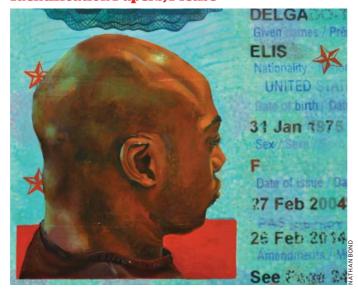
202-334-2436, National academies. org/arts.

National Air and Space Museum:

"Barron Hilton: Pioneers of Flight Gallery," the museum's exhibit of aviation and rocketry in the 1920s and '30s reopened with additional artifacts, through May 2; "Beyond: Visions of Our Solar System," through May 2. "Moving Beyond Earth," an interactive exhibition that explores recent advances made in human spaceflight, ongoing. Sixth Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, Nasm.si.edu.

National Building Museum: "Designing Tomorrow: America's World's Fairs of the 1930s," a look at the legacy of the fairs in Chicago, San Diego, Dallas, Cleveland, San Francisco and New York during the Great Depression, through July 10; "Lego Architecture: Towering Ambition," architectural artist Adam

Identification Papers, Please



MELTING POT: Nathan Bond's "Documentation," above, is part of the "Mixing Bowl" exhibition now at the Torpedo Factory's Target Gallery. The collection focuses on the role of immigration in contemporary American society.

Reed Tucker uses Lego blocks to re-create landmarks including the Empire State Building, through Sept. 5. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, Nbm.org.

National Gallery of Art, West

Building: "From Impressionism to Modernism: The Chester Dale Collection," through Jan. 2, 2012; "The Pre-Raphaelite Lens: British Photography and Painting, 1848-1875," a look at nearly 100 photographs and 20 paintings by British artists, through Jan. 30. Sixth Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-737-4215, Nga.gov.

National Museum of African Art:

"African Mosaic: Celebrating a Decade of Collecting," a collection of 112 objects that represent 10 years of building a permanent collection, through Dec. 11, 2011. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600, Africa.si.edu.

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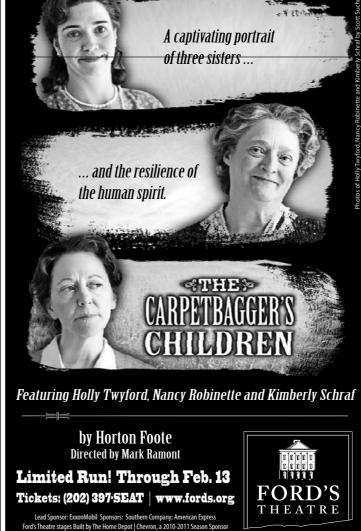
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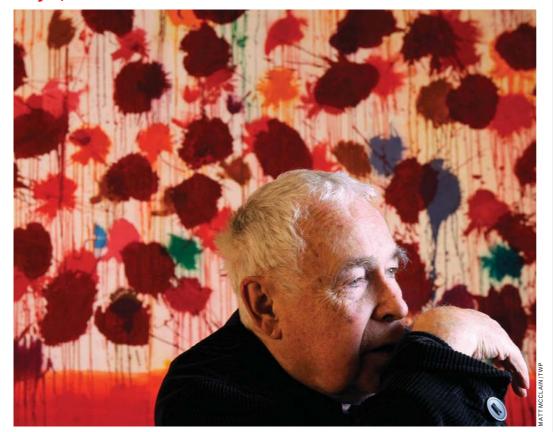
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Play It, Howard



THE BEGINNINGS OF BEAUTY: Here's a guy sitting in front of a painting. The guy is Howard Hodgkin, and the painting is huge. Seriously, it's 20 feet long. See it and its companion piece (together they constitute the work "As Time Goes By") at the Phillips Collection. Wish the museum a happy birthday while you're there — 2011 marks its 90th anniversary.

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History: "A Gateway to the 19th Century: The William Steinway Diary, 1861-1896," an exhibit on the diary kept by William Steinway, the first president of the piano company Steinway & Sons, that tracks the Civil War and the development of New York City, through April 8; "The Kinsey Collection: Shared Treasures of Bernard and Shirley Kinsey - Where Art and History Intersect," a look at African-American history through books, sculptures, paintings, manuscripts and vintage photographs, through May 1; "Abraham Lincoln: An Extraordinary Life," the museum brings together its unique and unparalleled Lincoln collection for the first time, through May 30; "Paper Engineering: Fold, Pull, Pop and Turn," pop-up books from 1570 to today show their evolution from education on things such as the workings of the human heart to children's books, through Oct. 10. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, Americanhistory.si.edu.

National Museum of Natural His-

tory: "Celebrating 100 Years at the National Museum of Natural History," a photographic exhibition recalling the museum's evolution, through March 20; "Cyprus: Crossroads of Civilizations," a look at the history of the Mediterranean island over 1,000 years, through May 1; "Hyperbolic Crochet Coral Reef," a recent discovery of geometry in coral reefs is looked at through crochet, through April 24. 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, Mnh.si.edu.

National Museum of the Ameri-

can Indian: "R.C. Gorman: Early Prints and Drawings, 1966-1974," an exhibition of 28 lithographs and drawings by R.C. Gorman, a Navajo artist, through May 1. "Vantage Point: The Contemporary Native Art Collection," a look at the museum's contemporary art examining the past and present of Native Americans, through Aug. 7. Fourth Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000. Nmai.si.edu.

National Museum of Women in

the Arts: "P(art)ners: Gifts From the Heather and Tony Podesta Collection" demonstrates the Podestas' shared collecting vision through a selection of nearly 30 photographs and sculptures, through March 6. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, Nmwa.org.

National Portrait Gallery: "Americans Now" surveys the past 10 years in popular culture, through June 19; "Elvis at 21: Photographs by Alfred Wertheimer," photographs capturing Elvis Presley's transition into an American icon, through Jan. 23; "Glimpse of the Past: A Neighborhood Evolves," a photographic exploration of the neighborhood surrounding the Patent Office Building, through Jan. 8, 2012; "Hide/Seek: Difference and Desire in American Portraiture" illustrates the changing social attitudes toward sexual difference and how they are depicted, through Feb. 13; "One Life: Katharine Graham," The Washington Post publisher's life is portrayed through photographs, portraits, video, drawings and newspaper clippings, through May

30. Eighth and F streets NW; 202-633-1000, Npg.si.edu.

Newseum: "Athlete: The Sports Illustrated Photography of Walter Looss," through Dec. 31, 2011; "Covering Katrina," a look at the hurricane through the eyes of journalists covering it, through Sept. 5; "Elvis! His Groundbreaking, Hip-Shaking, Newsmaking Story," an exhibit about Elvis Presley as he was portrayed in the media, through Feb. 14; "G-Men and Journalists: Top News Stories of the FBI's First Century," coverage of the FBI's most famous investigations, through Dec. 31, 2011; "Inside Tim Russert's Office: If It's Sunday, It's 'Meet the Press,'" the former show's host's office is partially reassembled, through Dec. 31, 2011; 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 888-639-7386, Newseum.

Phillips Collection: "Installations:
Jae Ko," the artist presents his threepart installation called "Force of
Nature," made from packing paper,
through Feb. 20. "Howard Hodgkin's As
Time Goes By" and "Anniversary Reading Room," the first two exhibits of
the Phillips Collection's new yearlong
exhibit and installation series "90
Years of New" feature two 20-footlong hand-painted etchings by Hodgkin and a display of archival materials related to the museum's creation,
through May 8. 1600 21st St. NW; 202387-2151, Phillipscollection.org.

Renwick Gallery: "A Revolution in Wood: The Bresler Collection," a collection of 66 well-known works of

turned and carved wood, through Jan. 30; "The Art of Gaman," a showcase of arts and crafts created in World War II Japanese internment camps, through Jan. 30. 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, Americanart si edu.

LAST CHANCE S. Dillon Ripley Cen-

ter: "Southern Identity: Contemporary Argentine Art," a bilingual exhibition of artistic trends, through Sun. 1100 Jefferson Drive SW; 202-633-1000, Si.edu/ripley.

Smithsonian American Art

Museum: "Alexis Rockman: A Fable for Tomorrow," the contemporary artist uses vivid imagery to display his concern about the world's ecosystems, through May 8. Eighth and F streets NW; 202-633-1000, Americanatt sindly.

Target Gallery: "Mixing Bowl" examines immigration and diversity in America, through Feb. 27. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703.838.4565x4, Torpedofactory.org.

Textile Museum: "Colors of the Oasis: Central Asian Ikats," a look at the museum's collection of ikats, clothing from central Asia, through March 13. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, Textilemuseum.org.

Vivid Solutions DC: "A space for the transitory," artist Chajana denHarder is both photographer and subject, through Feb. 18. 2208 Martin Luther King Ave. SE; 202-631-6291.

Woodrow Wilson House: "The Art of Continued on page E22



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20 THU ★ Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School at American Ballet Theatre

Students perform Kanji Segawa's Toward the Light; the pas de deux from Vasily Vainonen's Flames of Paris, staged by Raymond Lukens; and Lukens's Divertissement.

22 SAT * "Concerts for Young People by Young People": Sierra Hull

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23 & 24 SUN & MON * U.S. Navy Band

The US Navy presents "John F. Kennedy: Celebrating 50 years of Diplomacy Through Culture" with performances by the Sea Chanters, Brass Quintet, members of the Jazz Commodores, and others.

25 TUE * Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance

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26 WED * Blessing Offor

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27 THU \star Benjamin T. Rome School of Music at **Catholic University**

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28 FRI * Justin Kauflin Trio

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30 SUN ★ "Concerts for Young People by Young People": The Capitol Jazz Project

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21 FRI * Francis **Farewell Starlite**

Lead singer of the New York-based band Francis and the Lights cites grammar guide The Elements of Style as his

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31 MON * Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival

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2 WED * "Concerts for Young People by Young People": Niv Ashkenazi

Classical violinist Niv Ashkenazi, a 2007 VSA International Young Soloists Award recipient; NSO Youth Fellows in the Emerald Quartet, violinists Jessica and Katelyn Lyons, viola player Aiden Kane, and cellist Ryan Hintzman; NSO Youth Fellow cellist Kristina Winiarski.

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biggest influence on songwriting, and has fans the likes of Kanve West, Drake, and MGMT, with whom they toured.

29 SAT * NSO Prelude

NSO members Joel Fuller (violin), James Nickel (horn), and Lisa Emenheiser (piano) play works by Debussy and Brahms.

1 TUE * Aysha Upchurch's Life, Rhythm, Move Project

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SOUL SISTERS: Three sisters (clockwise from left: Holly Twyford, Kimberly Schraf and Nancy Robinette) work to maintain their Texas plantation, bought by their Yankee dad, in "The Carpetbagger's Children," now playing at Ford's Theatre.

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First Lady Ellen Axson Wilson: American Impressionist," a selection of 18 paintings by the former first lady, through April 10. 2340 S St. NW; 202-387-4062, Woodrowwilsonhouse.org.

Zenith Gallery: "Universe," paintings by Anne Marchand and sculptures by Craig Schaffer, through Jan. 28; "Food Glorious Food VI: Sustainable & Scrumptious," through Feb. 6, 1111 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-783-2963.

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let Theatre: The company performs mixed repertory programs, through Sun., \$25-\$99. Kennedy Center, Opera House, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600. 800-444-1324, Kennedy-center.org.

Aquarium: The Lyngo Theatre Company

uses music, puppets, props and audience participation to create an underwater world, through Feb. 6, \$10, \$5 for children younger than 12 months. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660, Imaginationstage.org.

SATURDAY ONLY Barrio Grrrl: Nine-year-old Ana's alter- ego, Barrio Grrrl!, preserves justice and protects her barrio. In real life, Ana lives with her grandfather and misses her mother, who is away in Iraq. Sat., \$7. Rober E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville; 240-567-5301

Beyond the Horizon: American Century Theater presents Eugene O'Neill's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama about two brothers in love with the same woman, opens Fri. through Feb. 12, \$29-\$32, \$26-\$29 seniors and students. Gunston Arts Center Theater II, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 703-998-4555.

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of Paris" and Raymond Lukens' "Divertissement," Thu., free. Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600. 800-444-1324, Kennedy-center.org.

Let Me Down Easy: Anna Deavere Smith's one-woman show is based on more than 300 interviews with people about mortality, through Feb. 13, \$55-\$85. Arena Stage, 1101 Sixth St. SW; 202-488-3300. Arenastage.org.

Marcus; or the Secret of Sweet:

Tarell Alvin McCraney's "The Brother/ Sister Plays" ("The Brothers Size" and "In the Red and Brown Water") concludes with a young man's search for love in Louisiana, through Feb. 13, \$35-\$65, seniors and students \$5 discount. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, Studiotheatre.org.

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The Carpetbagger's Children: Sis-

ters Cornelia, Grace Anne and Sissie attempt to preserve their family's Texas plantation after the Civil War, opens Fri. through Feb. 13. Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St. NW; 202-347-4833, Fordstheatre.org.

The Drowsy Chaperone: The McLean Community Players present a show-within-a-show that pays homage to musicals, opens Fri. through Jan. 29, \$19, \$17 students and seniors, \$15 McLean district residents. McLean Community Center, Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean; 703-790-0123, Aldentheatre org.

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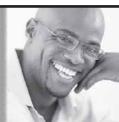
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Broadcast Muse

Comedy Overload

Tonight, NBC begins an unprecedented prime-time lineup: six sitcoms in a row. To help guide those who wish to indulge, I replicated the experience via reruns. My findings:

1. You can get a lot done while watching simply plotted sitcoms. | roasted a chicken, brewed tea for my



fed the cat. 2. Sitcoms spark discussions. "Can they say 'douche' on TV?" I asked after a segment

of "Community." My wife wisely intoned, "Well, they just did."

- 3. Sitcoms spark intimacy. "That John Krasinski is a good actor," I said during "The Office." My wife said, "I was thinking the same thing!" According to the Internet, it is "a great sign of compatibility to be so keenly aware of the other's thoughts."
- 4. Time flies during funny sitcoms. For a fast night, try the 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. pair: "Parks and Recreation" and "30 Rock" (above, with Chris Parnell, left, and Tracy Morgan).
- 5. Time drags during unfunny sitcoms. If you want the evening to last forever, try "Perfect Couples" at 8:30 and "Outsourced" at 10:30 p.m.
- 6. Too many sitcoms make your head hurt. Tonight, I think I'll go for "WWE Superstars" instead.

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Paragons of the Stage

Arena's #Newplay Festival highlights innovative productions supported by the NEA

Theater

The highlights from Arena Stage's #Newplay Festival range from Bronx-inspired poetry to Texas swing in an effort to show audiences the country's most innovative new theatrical endeavors. At the behest of the National Endowment for the Arts, Arena Stage oversaw the doling out of seven massive grants to seven plays in 2008, and this festival showcases where all the money went.

Associate Artistic Director David Dower, who oversaw the panel's decisions, says the NEA wanted "to study the ways plays are developed in this country and to point toward the bright spots."

The #Newplay festival features all the works that got the grants some of which already had highly successful debuts, while others are still working out the kinks. "You're not going to see the festival in just one show. If you see at least two, you can piece together what the festival adds to it from that," Dower says.

With several plays in various stages of development, from locations throughout the country, he's right: It would be hard to understand what the NEA's New Play Development program is all about from just one. But when you look at a few in tandem, the fresh ingenuity of the projects shines through the rich diversity.

 Arena Stage at the Mead Center, 1101 6th St. SW; Jan. 19-30, \$20, 202-488-3300; Arenastage.org.



Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo: The winner of a \$90,000 grant, this production has been nothing short of a wild success since its world premiere in the spring of 2009. Put on by the Center Theatre Group in L.A., the work, Dower says, is "very powerful — an unforgettable meditation on war, unlike anything else in the festival." Rajiv Joseph's work featuring Hrach Titizian (left, standing) and Arian Moayed (left, seated) plumbs existential depths, following two American soldiers in Iraq as they endure a surreal encounter with a Bengal tiger. Joseph pits humor against the macabre and produces unexpected revelations. "Tiger" will head to Broadway this spring with Robin Williams as the anthropomorphic feline lead.

WORTH CATCHIN

The Provenance of Beauty: Claudia Rankine's work is essentially a poem about the South Bronx; originally, it was read aloud inside a bus that was actually traveling through the areas it depicted. Mounted by the Foundry Theatre, it points out the oft-unnoticed aspects of city life in the heart of a beloved neighborhood. At #Newplay, they'll be doing their best to simulate the original scenario. Dower explains, "The Foundry filmed the route that the bus takes with a camera pointing out the left side, out the right side and straight ahead through the front windshield. You'll be able to see the same images that the audience saw as the play unfolds." As the words form a poetic narrative about the trip, the visuals provide a striking correlation to everything the audience hears.



🕤 I've Never Been So Happy:

As an ode to Texas, you might expect a more typical Western variety show, but Austin's Rude Mechanicals present nothing that nears commonplace. Combining artful shadow puppetry with a genre-hopping song selection, it's an odd mishmash of cowboy archetypes and 21st-century dilemmas. The unusual piece won the New Play Development Project grant, and its hometown debut won much acclaim. The Rude Mechanicals set lowbrow humor and blue-collar characters against highbrow art, dabbling in everything from chamber music to swing. The shadowy silhouette visuals are presented alongside the actors as they sing and dance their way through an ambitious and entertaining performance. "Rude Mechanicals are bringing their entire company," says Dower, so you can expect to see everything they pulled off in the Lone Star State here in D.C. "You've got to see their first attempt at a musical; it's really fun." RYAN LITTLE

lookout entertainment

Two Thumbs Up for Ebert's Return

TV Preview

Roger Ebert is returning to the small screen.

The famous film critic stopped appearing on television movie review shows in 2006 when cancer surgery left him unable to speak. But now he has his own segment on a new program, "Ebert Presents at the Movies." The weekly show debuts Friday on public television stations nationwide.

The show is necessary in today's

entertainment world, Ebert says.

"Can you think of another TV show that deals with the movies as movies instead of as celebrity show-cases?" Ebert says during an interview with The Associated Press at the Chicago studio where the show is produced. His laptop computer speaks his typed answers.

"We don't praise everything," he says.

The show will feature co-hosts Christy Lemire of The Associated Press and Ignativ Vishnevetsky of



Roger Ebert will speak via his computer on "Ebert Presents at the Movies."

Mubi.com. Ebert, 68, will use his computer voice for the segment "Roger's Office," which, he says, will focus on "reviews and rants."

The new show will be produced at Chicago's WTTW, where Ebert and Gene Siskel started taping "Sneak Previews" 35 years ago.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning Chicago Sun-Times film critic says planning for the new show started in 2006 when he "was flat on my back. We had business meetings in the hospital." CARYN ROUSSEAU (AP)

TV Beat

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Strange Love Stories

NBC's new sitcom revolves around three unendearing couples

Series Premiere

The best that can be said NBC about NBC's new ensemble comedy "Perfect Couples" is that it tries a tad too hard not to try too hard.

A tale of three pairs with varying styles and no sense of privacy, "Couples" stars Kyle Bornheimer and Christine Woods as Dave and Julia. They're the "Jim and Pam" of the series, the relatively normal duo with whom the audience can best relate.

Julia's brother Rex (Hayes Mac-Arthur) has given up his frat-boy ways to follow his exacting wife Leigh's (Olivia Munn) exacting advice. She's an amateur relationship guru, given to demanding that people (mostly Dave and Julia) share exotic and expensive weekends working out their



Hayes MacArthur, left, Olivia Munn and Dave Walton are more boring than "perfect."

problems.

Vance (Dave Walton) is Dave's best friend and an incorrigibly needy "dude." He drives the excitable Amy (Mary Elizabeth Ellis) crazy, and they frequently fight and often make up with volcanic bouts of inappropriate public intimacy.

The problem with "Couples" is

that Dave and Julia do too good a job of being nice and normal and uncomplicated, and none of the others are funny enough to be interesting, or weird enough to make Dave and Julia seem interesting. There are some mildly amusing moments here. But like the characters, hardly memorable. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Best Bets



The Big Bang Theory While the gang is staying at a hotel for a science event, Bernadette runs into her ex-boyfriend, Glenn (guest star Rick Fox). Wolowitz immediately gets an attack of insecurity about his future with her. Jim Parsons, right, also stars.



NBC 8:00

Community When Annie's crush, Rich, enrolls at Greendale, the study group debates whether to admit him and Senor Chang into their circle. The arrival of Shirley's ex-husband leads to a big announcement in the new episode "Asian Population Studies."



A President to Remember: In the Company of John F. Kennedy Premiering on the 50th anniversary of his inauguration, this documentary paints an intimate portrait of the 35th president.

USA 10:00 Fairly Legal Sarah Shahi, left, stars in this lighthearted new drama as an ex-lawyer who works as a mediator, helping people resolve their differences without the contentiousness of full-blown legal proceedings. Working for her stepmother at her late father's firm adds a layer of family drama to her work life. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Series Return



Pawnee Pride

"Parks and Recreation" (9:30 p.m. on NBC) is back with the new episode "Go Big or Go Home." When her own persuasive efforts fail, Leslie (Amy Poehler) asks Ann (Rashida Jones) to help her try to get more money for the department from Chris and Ben (Rob Lowe, Adam Scott). Ron and Andy (Nick Offerman, Chris Pratt) become youth basketball coaches. Meanwhile, April (Aubrey Plaza, above) has big news. (TM)

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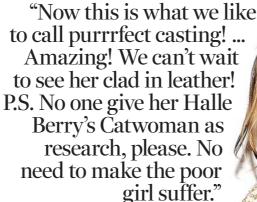
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may have to fight against overwhelming fatigue during part of the day, but soon you'll be able to get the rest you need.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You will uncover the answer to a question that many, including you, have been asking. What doesn't surprise you confirms a few suspicions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Tackle things as they come; you must neither put things off nor try to hurry the process. There's a method to follow, surely.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You should be able to predict the behavior of another, but your behavior may be difficult to anticipate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're in a position to help others, but don't forget that you have started doing more for yourself of late, too. You can strike a balance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Any kind of overreaction is likely to make the situation worse, no matter how it may have begun. Keep your emotions under control.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't be too aggressive; you can have what you want, but it will most likely require some careful persuading and a clever strategy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may feel as though you're about to fly into many emotional pieces, but with care you can temper your reactions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A certain threat can be avoided, but you may still encounter one or two dangers that you must face head-on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You needn't do something just because someone else says you must. Your own internal motivators must fuel anything you do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Self-awareness is on the rise, and you're likely to discover something about yourself and a key situation that resolves a conflict.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Cater to a favorite dream. Work with renewed vigor toward something you treasure.



Scrabble Grams PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 226

RACK 4

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Yesterday's Solution

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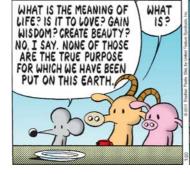








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Forecast



Today: Sun giving way to clouds today. Snow tonight, accumulating 1-2 inches.



Tomorrow: A bit of snow tomorrow morning; windy. Partly cloudy tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead







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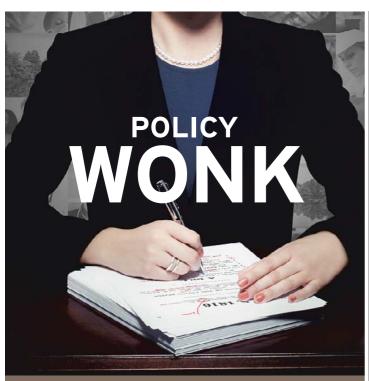
Sun and Moon Sunrise today: 7:23 a.m.

Sunset today: 5:15 p.m. Moonrise today: 6:34 p.m. Moonset today: 7:41 a.m.

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ACROSS

- 1 Fashion figure
- 6 " after my own heart"
- 10 About 1/28 of an ounce
- 14 On the double, poetically
- 15 ___ fide (authentic)
- 16 Far from everyday
- 17 War whoops
- 18 Some catcalls from the stands
- 19 Start of a bedtime story
- 20 "Freeze!"
- 23 Rocky hill
- 24 Rabbit's features
- 25 Appropriate
- 28 Abnormal chest sound
- 31 Former Albanian coin
- 35 Tennessee state bloom
- 37 Pack down
- 39 Offer lessons
- 40 "Freeze!"
- 43 Act as a master of
- ceremonies
- 44 Part of a Cartesian declaration
- 45 Door position
- 46 Interchange Goodyears
- 48 Wild man of the
- Himalayas
- 50 In position
- 51 Hopeful singer's tape
- 53 Keyboard key
- 55 "Freeze!"
- 62 Its business is picking up
- 63 Choral club
- 64 Stave off
- 66 "Climb ____ my knee,
- Sonny Boy ...'
- 67 What a coach driver holds
- 68 Thick vine
- 69 Explosion sound
- 70 Is inaccurate
- 71 Pliny the ____

1 Kentucky Derby month

2 Oil-producers' org.

- 3 Chip's chipmunk chum
- 4 Standing ovation, e.g.
- 5 Landlord, e.g.
- 6 "Take a Chance on Me" aroun
- 7 Space Race goal
- 8 One end of a battery
- 9 Tech-heavy stock exchange
- 10 Decency deficiency
- 11 Indian princess
- 12 Rainbow curves
- 13 Become acquainted
- 21 Poetic Muse
- 22 Verdi baritone aria
- 25 Support person
- 26 Type of ad
- 27 Touch of color
- 29 Cleanse with soap and water

- 30 Nail-file material
- 32 Some dash gauges
- 33 Without ___ (totally lost)
- 34 Bonnie Blue Butler's daddy
- 36 Stabilizing
- 38 Calendar unit
- 41 It may be fed next to
- 42 Church composition
- 47 Displaced person
- 49 Doctor's directive
- 52 Impolite inspector 54 Old Scratch
- 55 Evidence of
- admission
- 56 Cantina appetizer 57 Nerve impulse
- transmitter

58 Estate recipient

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59 The two in a twenty

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- 60 "___ 'em and weep!"
- 61 Fish-eating raptor
- 65 ___ Heel State (North Carolina)

Yesterday's Solution

<mark>Today</mark> in History

1937 Franklin D. Koussevell becomes the first president to be inaugurated on Jan. 20 instead of March 4.

1981 Iran releases 52 Americans it has held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency passes from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

2006 Japan halts imports of U.S. beef because of mad cow fears.

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VISITATIONS

Queen's Next Appearance Won't Measure Up to This

Meryl Streep has visited London's House of Commons to prep for her role as Margaret Thatcher in "The Iron Lady." The Oscar-winning actress turned up Wednesday in a visitor's gallery to watch the weekly Prime Minister's Questions, during which David Cameron takes questions from lawmakers. A few lawmakers wrote on Twitter to announce that they had spotted the actress. (AP)

REVELATIONS

Rocker Finally Grasps Nuance and Complexity Of Drunken-Driving Laws

Motley Crue singer Vince Neil will take a plea deal and serve two weeks of jail time, plus two weeks of house arrest, for driving drunk last summer in Las Vegas. Neil agreed Tuesday to plead guilty to misdemeanor driving under the influence. In a statement, Neil said, "I have recognized that you can't drink and drive at all." (AP)



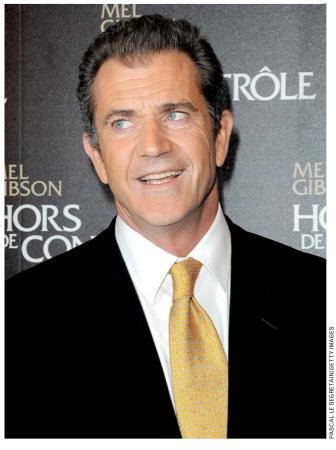
You have to read between the lines of "don't drink and drive" to truly get it.

Dirtbag Digest



May We Jettison Objectivity for Just a Moment?

A judge told the complete loser ex of JWoww that he can't distribute naked pics of the "Jersey Shore" "star." Then this creep told Radaronline.com that "at this point, the nude pictures should be the least of her worries. She has much bigger issues in her life that she needs to deal with." (EXPRESS)



Legal Limbo

YOU'VE GOT ... Los Angeles' district attorney says a review of domestic violence alle-**Mel in** gations against Mel Gibson is ongoing after a meeting between prosecutors and the actor's attorneys Tuesday. District Attorney Steve Cooley didn't indicate when prose-



HONORS

'An Excuse for a Beautiful **Woman to Hang Out With Us' Award Winner Named**

Julianne Moore is being honored by Harvard University as the Hasty Pudding Woman of the Year. The four-time Oscar nominee is to receive her pudding pot at a Jan. 27 roast by Hasty Pudding Theatricals, the nation's oldest undergraduate drama troupe. (AP)

"She eats Red Vines, hot dogs, french fries and **Diet Coke. If** that's key, maybe she's preserved because of all the preservatives."



JANE LEEVES ON "HOT IN CLEVE-LAND" CO-STAR BETTY WHITE'S SECRETS OF LONGEV-ITY TOUSMAGAZINE COM AT WHITE'S 89TH

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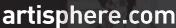
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